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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amendment to the Abstract of the Disclosure

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure (page 23) as follows:

A sign holding device for a folding chair that allows the user to display customized messages on a back rest of the chair. The sign holder is attached to the back rest in various manners so as to permit messages to be displayed when the chair is unfolded. The sign holders are configures configured such that when the chair is folded, the chair can be carried and stacked without having to remove the sign holders from the back rest. One embodiment of the folding chair also includes an integral carrying handle that permits the folded chair to be carried by one hand. The integral carrying handle further comprises an opening that permits the carrying hand to grasp the handle better, and also permit the chair to be unfolded without removing the hand from the handle, such that the unfolding action does not pinch the carrying hand.

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Amendment to the Brief Description of the Drawings and the Detailed Description

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 20, with the following rewritten paragraphs:



FIGURE 6 6A is a perspective view of a padded sign attached to a folding chair as another embodiment of the invention, wherein the folding chair further comprises a carrying handle so as to permit a user to grasp the chair in an improved manner;

FIGURE 6B is a back view of the padded sign of FIGURE

<u>6A;</u>

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Another embodiment of the invention illustrated in FIGURES 6A and B, comprises a folding chair 300 wherein a padded sign 312 is attached to a back rest 316. The padded sign 312 comprises a main body 380 to which a padding 381 is attached to. The padded sign 312 is attached to the back rest 316 in a manner described above, wherein a plurality of hook shaped retainers hook onto top edge 333a and bottom edge 333b. Preferably, the main body 380 is fabricated from ¼ inch thick plastic, and the padding 381 is covered with vinyl on which a message can be inscribed. The As shown in FIGURE 6B, the padding 381 is preferably wrapped around the main body 380 and secured at the back of the main body by staples 383. The padded sign 312 can be attached and removed from the folding chair 300 in a manner described above. Furthermore, the folding chair 300 can be folded and stacked in a manner described above.